



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DAY**  
NOVEMBER 17, 2004

**WHEREAS,** Geography Awareness Week and Geographic Information System (GIS) Day promote geographic literacy in schools; and

**WHEREAS,** GIS is an important part of geography awareness and an understanding of geographic concepts is crucial for the wise use of North Dakota's natural resources, the continuation of economic prosperity and the general health and well being of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** North Dakotans know the value of using new technologies to enhance its agricultural, ranching, oil and gas, mining and business production; and

**WHEREAS,** the management, use and exchange of geographic information are essential for effective decision making by private industry and government organizations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 17, 2004, **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State